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Mayor provides 'police chief search' update during Elba council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday night, Nov. 8, Mayor Tom Maddox provided an update on the ongoing police chief search.

The mayor said there were a total of 16 applications for the vacancy, and the 'police chief search committee' had narrowed that down to six applicants for interview. Since the start of the interview process, one of the six also had been eliminated from consideration, he said.

Maddox said interviews for the remaining five candidates were continuing last week.

City clerk Sally Bane added in her comments to the council that the committee is "interviewing what we feel are qualified candidates" for the police chief position.

The council approved a resolution to award a construction project for the recreational building during the meeting. Upon recommendation of project engineer DeAnn Grantham, the council awarded the bid for the next phase of building repairs [to include painting and repairs] of the recreation building to Diversified General Contractors LLC of Opp, Ala.

The bid award amount was \$131,232.

Also, during the meeting, the council approved the reappointments of Patti Culver, Mona Wise, and Ceina Spicer to continue serving on the Evergreen Cemetery Board. And, the appointment of Raeann McCollough was approved

to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority Board.

The city clerk noted that street department employees had been busy recently working on potholes around the city along with completing demolition work of properties pur-

chased through the FEMA flood project.

Due to conflicts with Thanksgiving week, the Elba City Council will meet Monday, Nov. 29, for its second bimonthly meeting in November. This meeting is set for 5:30 p.m.



SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT...Emergency personnel in Elba responded to a single vehicle accident Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, on Martin Luther King Drive. Upon arriving on scene, the emergency responders found the vehicle (shown above) had left the roadway and struck a tree near 1107 Martin Luther King Drive. This accident was reported just after 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. No major injuries were reported. (Photo courtesy of Elba Fire Dept.)

Job Fair set for Dec. 2nd in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, along with the Coffee County Extension Office, Coffee County Commission, and Southeast AlabamaWorks will host a job fair Thursday, Dec. 2, in Elba.

Businesses are invited to register for the Elba Job Fair, which will be held from 2-5 p.m. that day at the Elba Theatre [231 Court Ave, Elba]. There is no charge to participate.

Space is limited so early registration is recommended. There will be limited electrical outlets also.

Each company is limited to one booth consisting of one table and two chairs. CDC COVID protocols will be followed for businesses and the public.

To register to participate in the job fair, contact Sandy Bynum Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce by calling (334) 897-3125 or email: elba-chamber@troycable.net.

Governor Ivey awards grant to assist victims of violent crimes

Governor Kay Ivey recently awarded \$167,000 to assist victims of violent crimes in eight southeast Alabama counties.

The Wiregrass Angel House in Dothan will use the funds to provide services to help victims of robbery and other violent crimes as well as family members of homicide victims. The program assists victims in Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

"Victims of violent crimes have enough to cope with just getting through the enormous emotional stress associated with the crimes," Gov. Ivey said. "I commend Wiregrass Angel House for their assistance to people who are suffering and need guidance."

Wiregrass Angel House staff helps victims navigate the legal system, guides them through the channels to recover losses or receive compensation and provides referrals to other assisting agencies.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in supporting the Wiregrass Angel House and the services it pro-

vides to victims," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

ADECA administers an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, water resource management and recreation development.

Area Happenings

THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, will meet Thursday Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. This will be the chapter's holiday meal for the holiday season. The main course for the meal will be provided by the chapter. Those attending are asked to bring a covered side dish. All active duty military and veterans are invited. For further information contact Charles Lobbell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at Zion Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 21, beginning at 5 p.m. The church is located at 27057 Highway 87, Elba. Guest speaker will be Chris Tidwell, pastor of New Life Church. Special music will be provided by the New Life Church Worship Team. Contact Cary Maulden at 268-2219 for more information.

THE ELBA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, located in the community building at Elba Church of Christ, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving.

CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The city's residential garbage pickup will run as normal during this time. For any utilities emergency during this time, contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will meet Monday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Elba City Hall. The Elba Water and Electric Board will conduct its monthly meeting following the Elba City Council meeting on this date.

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper will have a special deadline in place for next week's paper. All news and advertising will be due to the office before Noon on Monday, Nov. 22, for the Nov. 25th edition.

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving.



The first Elba Youth Leadership Program class was announced this week for Elba High School. This new leadership program is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Members of the inaugural EYLP class are: (front, l to r): Kali Nicholson, Tyandrea Tillis, May Morgan Lusk, Callie Pope, Jayla Gray, and Tamiah Tillis; (back, l to r) Whit Shehee, Paxton Wise, Carson Wise, and Collin Sauls.

Members of the inaugural class named this week

Elba Chamber of Commerce launches EYLP

The Elba Chamber of Commerce started a new venture this school year by sponsoring a Youth Leadership Class for Elba students.

The first Elba Youth Leadership Program [EYLP] class was announced earlier this week from seniors at Elba High School. The seniors selected to be a part of this inaugural group were: Jayla Gray, May Morgan Lusk, Kali Nicholson, Callie Pope, Collin Sauls, Whit Shehee, Tamiah Tillis, Tyandrea Tillis, Carson Wise, and Paxton Wise.

The EYLP is a six-month leadership program for high school seniors who attend Elba High School. The program centers on civic involvement, leadership skills, and volunteer opportunities.

"I am honored to be serving as board chairman for the Elba Chamber in conjunction with our first ever EYLP class," said Denise Sauls. "COVID has taken so many opportunities from our youth, and this is a way for our chamber to give back."

According to Sandy Bynum Williams, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the students were chosen based on a combination of the strength of application, recommendations from teachers and school administrators, academic performance, and extracurricular resume.

"EYLP develops young leaders through structured monthly educational programs and teambuilding activities," Williams said. "Participants will gain genuine exposure to local initiatives and community and civic leaders, while also allowing the chamber to engage with youth provided."



TWO ELBA TIGERS COMMIT TO ESCC...On Tuesday morning, Nov. 16, a signing ceremony was held at Elba High School for two Elba golfers. Collin Sauls (left) and Peyton McCart (right) each inked a commitment to continue playing golf at the next level next year for Enterprise State Community College [ESCC]. The junior college recently announced it would be launching both a men's and women's golf program with the 2022-2023 school year. Sauls and McCart will be members of the inaugural men's team for the ESCC Boll Weevils. The two Elba students were members of Elba's 2021 Class 1A/2A State Champion Golf Team, and they will return this season for their senior year with the Tigers. Joining Sauls and McCart for the signing ceremony Tuesday morning was Elba High School Golf Coach Mark Wicker. Collin is the son of Stevie and Denise Sauls, and Peyton is the son of Michael McCart and Danielle Dunn.



ELBA CHAMBER HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING...The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday afternoon, Nov. 15, for Los Tigres Mexican Grill and Buffet. The restaurant opened last week at its new location on the Hwy 203 Bypass in Elba in the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing retail center. Los Tigres is owned and operated by Juan and Pilar Coronel. Customers can enjoy Mexican cuisine off a buffet [certain times each day] or by ordering off the menu. Joining the Coronel family for the ribbon cutting ceremony was Elba Mayor Tom Maddox [holding the ceremonial scissors], Elba Queens, Elba City and Chamber officials, and other family and friends.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"They are not ignorant, it is just that they know so much that is untrue" - Ronald Reagan,

A list of 12 traditional Thanksgiving foods that Americans not just dislike but hate was recently released by a polling firm – they probably ran out of politicians to promote (or slander). The leading items on this list are cranberry sauce, turkey, sweet potatoes, dressing, corn, pumpkin pie and even ham and mashed potatoes. It is easy to relate to turning up your nose after several meals in a row of warmed over turkey drumstick, but hard to realize that so many of our favorites are on that list. We only turn our nose up at the corn and pumpkin pie, and not even refuse those in 'proper' company, just around family and close friends.

We have just finished reading 'On The House' by Republican John Boehner, who was first a local, then statewide official before he represented Ohio in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1991 until 2015. He served as Speaker of the House from 2011 to 2015 but is now out of politics if that is possible for a life-long public official. This book was a gift that frankly we would never have purchased, but really enjoyed and had trouble putting it down when duty called, or the biscuits were done. He used some strong language at times, but surprisingly we were not offended – it just seemed to put some reality to whatever event he was reliving for his readers. Throughout the book he uttered some good advice learned from his personal experiences. Advice that fits politics, work, or family relationships, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Right at the end Boehner, an avid golfer, wrote this: "The most important thing to remember – in golf, in politics, in life – is that if you do the right things, for the right reason, the right things will happen for you."

Our reading list has included three political themed books in a row so our reading time is now being dedicated to helping the original seven astronauts learn the unknown of space flight and we assume they will zoom into space before the final chapter.

There was a tidbit on the internet Saturday announcing that the world added 412 billionaires in 2020, bringing the known total worldwide to 3,288. It is no surprise but a quick scan of the list indicated our name was not on the list, nor added as a footnote of "almost". Alas, our readers are stuck with us for - well judging by the difference in our bank account balance and those of the 412 new billionaires - a long, long time!

There is a growing shortage of public-school classroom teachers in Alabama (and of course all across the nation). It goes without saying that the usual advocates for solving any problem opt to throw more money at it and have arisen around this problem. More money will surely attract some additional young college students to go into education, but not enough. Also we advocate for recruiting individuals who will be in the classroom for the love of seeing children's eyes light up when they grasp some math concept or understand a set of historic fact. For those individuals any income above a fair living expense is incidental. We haven't fixed the problem but hopefully got some "idea" experts to thinking.

The 'Ancient Alabama' stories on <AL.com> have now carried a story of the 'Cliffs of Alabama, comparing them to the White Cliffs of Dover (in England). If you have ever seen the Dover cliffs, clearly visible from ships in the English Channel, it does you as this writer and sends chills down your back to think Alabama has something to be compared to those in Europe. The current story is about a massive meteorite hitting Alabama eons ago.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, November 2, 2021, and Sunday, November 7, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Monday, Nov. 8 – Fight reported at 1157 Morrow Ave (6:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1620 Boswell St – with impound (8:24 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1565 Seminole Cir (9:51 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84/Hwy 125 (10:13 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 839 Troy Hwy (4:00 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Adkinson Ave and Davis St (11:34 p.m.).

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Animal complaint reported at 1113 Caroline St (8:10 a.m.); Found property reported on E Davis St (9:51 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 221 E Davis St – with impound (10:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 2116 Taylor Mill Rd (1:57 p.m.); Animal complaint at 1468 Highland Dr – with impound (4:51 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2732 Hickman Ave (6:15 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 14325 Hwy 84 (9:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Ann St (10:00 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with written warnings issued.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 – Burglary reported at 332 Brunson St (7:58 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported to Elba Police (11:50 a.m.); Burglary reported at 2450 Industrial Blvd (2:53 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2796 Hickman Ave (5:33 p.m.); Traffic accident

reported at Cedar Lane Dr and Hwy 87 N (5:54 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 389 Old Samson Rd (7:07 p.m.).

Thursday, Nov. 11 – Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 1237 Jones Cir (1:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 645 Reynolds Ave (2:22 p.m.); Assault reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (3:11 p.m.); Theft of property reported on County Rd 483 (6:48 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 709 Roosevelt Dr (7:50 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 611 N Claxton Ave (9:37 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 12 – Civil complaint reported at 645 Reynolds Ave (9:29 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 645 Reynolds Ave (9:55 a.m.); Burglary reported at 350 Reddoch Hill Rd (12:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 221 E Davis St (2:34 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 329 Sollie Dr (2:45 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 979 Johnson St (3:43 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 979 Johnson St (3:44 p.m.). There were four traffic stops resulting in two verbal warnings, one written warning, and one citation.

Saturday, Nov. 13 – Suspicious circumstances reported on Caroline St (6:04 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 870 N Claxton Ave (12:37 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (2:36 p.m.); Prowler reported on Ann St (9:43 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1951 Hickman Ave (10:22 p.m.). There was on traffic stop with a citation issued.

Sunday, Nov. 14 – Civil complaint reported at 837 Rebecca Lane (6:31 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at

1215 Caroline St (12:40 p.m.); Sex offense reported on Wayne St (12:46 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 541 Plant Ave (1:32 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr (4:05 p.m.). There were two traffic stops with one verbal warning, and one assistance rendered.

Monday, Nov. 15 – Fight reported at 1245 Jones Circle (6:32 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 702 Newton St (12:05 p.m.). There was one traffic stop with a verbal warning issued.



Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou loves to pick on Sister, and truthfully, Sister often makes for an easy target with some of her shenanigans. However, this week, Lou Lou must confess a tale of her own!

As she does many Sunday's following church, Lou Lou ventured to a local eatery with friends for lunch. The group have become such "regulars" for Sunday lunch that the majority of the staff expects them weekly and even pretty well knows the drink orders without even asking.

Lou Lou's go-to-drink once was sweet tea, but ever since Sister got diagnosed with diabetes, Lou Lou has gone to half and half tea. If Sister is not with the group, Lou Lou might venture out and get a good dose of sweet tea, but mostly she sticks with the half and half now.

Sister was at lunch last Sunday. So, it was less sugar!

Good news is that Lou

Holiday

Deadline...

The Elba Clipper will print early next week for Thanksgiving. All advertising and news will be due by noon on Monday, Nov. 22nd. The office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving.

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Lou is so sweet to begin with that she doesn't really need the extra granules!

Now, that was not the tale, even though Sister will choke on her diet Dr. Pepper when she reads it! No...the tale comes from a later antic at the restaurant.

Papa attends a different church than Lou Lou and Sister. Several years back, Lou Lou and Sister made a move to a different place of worship while Papa chose to stay at the one the family had made home years ago.

Papa's church gets finished later on Sunday, which means he often misses going out to eat with the family. However, most Sunday's Lou Lou and Sister will make sure to pick up something 'to go' for Papa and bring it home to him. Such was the case last Sunday.

Lou Lou waited until she was about halfway through her meal before she ordered Papa's 'to go' dish. The efficient staff had it ready and waiting before Lou Lou was even finished eating.

Fast forward to time to leave. Lou Lou reaches the checkout counter, and she reminds the clerk of the items she was paying for on this day. Bill was paid, and Lou Lou ventured home.

Just about the moment she turned into the Yonder gang's driveway, it hit her! "I forgot to pay for Papa's to go order," she remembered.

This was some antic Sister would pull...not Lou Lou. Sister had left ahead of Lou Lou to take Papa's food to him, so, Lou Lou could not even blame Sister for the mishap.

Once inside, she asked Sister if she and little Bean wanted to ride with her back to the restaurant, and Sister immediately wanted to know "why". The explanation got a huge belly laugh from Sister. She was enjoying Lou Lou's embarrassment a bit too much.

Upon returning inside the restaurant, Lou Lou explained to the clerk that she had forgotten to pay for her "to go" order, and he chuckled saying, "Yes. We just talked about that!" Then, he apologized.

Lou Lou said he had no reason to apologize. It was all her fault, and she apologized instead.

The good part of the story is the staff knew it was just an oversight on Lou Lou's part, and they had set the ticket aside feeling certain she would return to fix her mistake. She did, and all was good once again in Lou Lou's world. Well...except for the fact that Sister kept hitting Lou Lou with the 'forgetful' jokes the remainder of the day. I guess Sister was due to get one up on Lou Lou for a change. Maybe it won't happen again anytime soon!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

EMMIT DAN SIMMONS

SGM Emmitt Dan Simmons, USA-Ret., age 84, died Saturday, November 13, 2021, at his home in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, 2 p.m., at Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory with Father Zachary officiating. Burial with Military Honors followed at Meadowlawn Cemetery. A Rosary was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

SGM Simmons spent 21 years and 2 months in the US Army. He was assigned to Korea for two tours, served in Germany, Okinawa and Vietnam. He served as the First Sergeant of the 66th Military Police Company. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley H. Simmons; parents, Maggie B. and William E. Simmons, six sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife: Virginia Mae Simmons Enterprise; daughter: Deborah A. Davidson and her husband, Jim, Joshua, Texas; son: Timothy D. Simmons and his wife, Dottie, Broken Arrow, Okla.; granddaughter: Catherine Simmons, Broken Arrow; three grandsons: Peter T. Simmons, Hyattsville, Md., Robert J. Davidson, Burleson, Texas, 2nd Lt. William T. Davidson, USMC, Joshua, Texas; a step-daughter: Vickie Johnson and her husband, Jeff; two step-sons: Billy Joe Berry and his wife, Pam, Chris Berry; two step-grandsons: Blake Berry, Nicholas Johnson; and a brother: Donald Simmons (Kitty), Dallas, Texas.

JAMES EUGENE BERRY

Mr. James Eugene Berry, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, surrounded by his family and loved ones at his home in Elba.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at 1 p.m., from Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Panama City, Fla. with his family officiating. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Mr. Berry was preceded in death by his wife - Syble M Berry; father - Noah Alton Berry; mother - Nettie Ruth Wainwright; son - Noah Michael Berry; brother - William Berry, and sister - Wanda Tucker. Survivors include his daughter: Cathy Ann Davis, Elba; granddaughter: Elisha (Johnny Worley) Morgan, Ozark, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Hannah M. Broadway, Elba; sister: Judy Huggins Stead, Panama City; sister-in-law: Mary Frances Crawford, Elba; nieces: Teresa Berry Jones, Green Cove Springs, Fla., Tammy Adams, and Tonya Tucker Claussen.

ROBERT HARLEY CROSBY

Mr. Robert Harley Crosby, age 71, of Glenwood, Ala., died Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in

Destin, Fla.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, 2 p.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Brian McLendon officiating. Committal services followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 12-2 p.m.

Survivors include his wife: Luzmila Crosby, Glenwood; son: Clinton Stewart Crosby, Panama City, Fla.; daughter: Kandi Desotel, Freeport, Fla.; brothers: James Crosby, NJ, and Thomas Roy Crosby, Opaka, Fla.; sisters: Blondell Byram, Bell, Fla., Jeanette Mote, Glenwood, Helen Doris Harden, Shelby, NC; along with six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

LOIS LEE TURNER

Ms. Lois Lee Turner, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Cotter officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include her sons: John (Leigh) Helton, Elba, Steven (Bonnie) Gilbert, Elba, and James (Dina) Helton, Kinston, Ala.; daughter: Angela (Ricky Harris) Helton, Elba; brother: Donnie Gilbert, Paradise, Texas; sister: Tommy Sue Wood, Highland Home, Ala.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MYRTIE MAE METTITT

Mrs. Myrtie Mae Mettitt, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, November 6, 2021.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at the Union Grove Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was born in Bellwood, Ala. on February 17, 1930, to Robert and Annie Thomas. She attended Bellwood High School, and was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church, Enterprise, where she served faithfully until her illness. She was united in holy matrimony to Moses Merritt and to this union three children were born, Morris Merritt, Joseph Merritt, and Annie J. Merritt. All preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sisters: Orlean (Roy) Thomas, Chancellor, Ala., and Mae R. Krider, Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters-in-law: Lonnie (Raymond) Madison, Enterprise, Sara Powell, Chancellor, and Annie Joe Merritt, Boston, Mass.; two granddaughters who lived with her: Joanna Merritt, and Selina (Bo) Crawford; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

OCIE PEARL PHILLIPS

Mrs. Ocie Pearl Phillips, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, Harris Temple Church of God in Christ with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

She was born Dec. 2, 1944 to Jesse James Cooks and Eula Cooks. She was the fourth oldest out of 12 siblings - Jesse Houston, Jesse James Cooks Jr., Ruby Wynn, John Paul Cooks, and Wille D. Cooks all preceded her in death.

Ocie wed Shelly O'Neal Phillips Jr. in 1965. She was employed by Elba General Hospital for 28 years, and Kleinert's sewing factory for 18 years, and then as caregiver for Volunteers of America for 22 years before retiring in 2019. She's been almost a lifelong member of Harris Temple COGIC in Elba, serving faithfully until her death.

Survivors include her son: Kelly O'Neal Phillips; stepson: Jonathan Daniels; three granddaughters: Jyl Daniels, Jessica Daniels, and Jennifer Daniels; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; along with her siblings: Jimmy Cooks, Montgomery, Ala., Mary Starks, Troy, Ala., Voncile Howard, Texas, Myrtle Ellird, Troy, Pearl Partlow, Montgomery, and Charles Cooks.

TONITA LEJEAN SHIPMAN

Mrs. Tonita LeJean "Jeana" Shipman, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021.

Funeral services were held Nov. 13, 2021 at Johns Chapel AME with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was born to Noah Jr. Shipman and Vera Jordan Shipman. Jeana was a lifelong member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Sconiersville, Ala.

Jeana attended and graduated from Enterprise High School, and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College of Opp, where she obtained her Practical Nursing degree.

Jeana was preceded in death by her parents, Noah Jr. Shipman and Vera Jordan Shipman; one aunt, Drucilla S. Nettles; and one uncle, Eddie Charles Shipman.

Survivors include one child: Aubrey Shipman; one granddaughter, Aubrey Jordan Monae Shipman; aunts, Patricia A. Fox, Killen, Texas, and Alice Smelly, Opelika, Ala.; uncle: Frederick C Shipman, Birmingham, Ala.; first cousins: Darian Bass, Enterprise, and Maurice Shipman, Tallahassee, Fla.; along with many other cousins and other relatives and friends.



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What Rank is Required for a 21-Gun Salute?

There are a number of traditional gun salutes that are offered in respect to fallen service members - and the most commonly known is probably the 21-gun Salute. As you prepare to bury a family member who served in the military, you might wonder: Is he or she eligible for this great honor?

While not every military service member qualifies for the 21-gun Salute, there are a number of ways to earn it. Due to some recent changes to military procedures, the 21-gun Salute is an option for:

1. Enlisted officers
2. Active duty service members
3. Anyone who had an honorable retirement from the military

If your loved one met any one of these criteria, you can speak with your funeral director about coordinating a 21-gun Salute. (You can also ask about some of the other types of interesting salutes that are available; though less well-known, they can also be meaningful ways to honor the deceased.)

One thing to be aware of is that, while this gun salute references 21 guns, the actual number of shots fired can vary. This has to do with various factors - rank, branch of service, and beyond. As such, it's important to be aware: Your loved one's 21-gun Salute may not actually have 21 distinct shots you can hear!

Nevertheless, it's a significant honor; at many military funeral services, it's the gun salute that provides one of the greatest moments of emotion and release. Again, there are many service members for whom this honor is available, and the best way to coordinate it is to meet with your funeral director and make your wishes known.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesth@hayesfuneralhome.net

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NEW MEMBERS JOIN CLUB...The Elba Lions Club welcomed two new members recently. The new members (pictured, center) are Carlos Magwood and Barbara Cole. Pictured with Magwood and Cole and Elba Lions Club officers Kay Mack (left) and Leo Brown (right).

CCAA, ESCC Fine Arts bring Handel's "Messiah" Sing-Along to Wiregrass area

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and the Enterprise State Community College Division of Fine Arts are helping the community ring in the holiday season with the Wiregrass Community "Messiah" Sing-Along, a rendition of Handel's great work.

The Wiregrass Community "Messiah" Sing-Along, under the direction and leadership of CCAA President and ESCC Division of Fine Arts Chair Dr. Ken Thomas, is a community sing-along event that includes featured soloists, orchestra and chorus to provide the core support. Soloists include community members and ESCC Fine Arts faculty and students.

The Orchestra will include ESCC Fine Arts faculty and students, community members and members of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

The event will also feature the talents of special guest soloist Dr. Rosephanye Powell, a world-renowned composer, educator and soprano.

"A performance of Handel's 'Messiah' is always an exciting sign that the Christmas season has arrived," Powell said. "It is a celebration of the love and hope that came through the birth of Jesus Christ. In the midst of COVID and the turmoil in our country, this live performance with students, faculty and community singers from all backgrounds and walks of life will be especially meaningful for me."

"This performance serves as a reminder that in essence we are all one race of people - the human race. May we come together to heal, unite and celebrate through Handel's 'Messiah.'"

Powell has been hailed as one of America's premier female composers of choral music. She has an impressive catalogue of works published by leading national and international publishers, including the Hal Leonard Corporation, the Fred Bock Music Company/Gentry Publications, Oxford University Press, Alliance Music Publications and Shawnee. Powell currently serves as a professor of voice at Auburn University, where she teaches applied

voice, art song literature, and vocal pedagogy courses. She also conducts the Women's Chorus and co-conducts the AU Gospel Choir.

"It is an honor to have Dr. Rosephanye Powell participate in this joyous occasion," Thomas said. "Dr. Powell was my voice teacher during my graduate studies at Auburn University. It is rare that our students and community members have an opportunity to perform with someone of Dr. Powell's caliber. The College and community will be elevated to new heights through this collaboration."

The Messiah is an English-language oratorio, or a large musical composition for orchestra, choir and soloists without action or scenery. It was composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel, with a scriptural text compiled by Charles Jennens from the King James Bible and from the Coverdale Psalter, the version of the Psalms included with the Book of Common Prayer. Jennens' text is an extended reflection on

Jesus as the Messiah called Christ. "Messiah" was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742, and it has since become one of the best-known and most frequently performed choral works in Western music.

"This is our gift to the community, and what better way to bring the community together than with the music of Handel's 'Messiah,'" Thomas said. "We look forward to celebrating and rejoicing with the beautiful music."

The Wiregrass Community "Messiah" Sing-Along will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Enterprise. This is a free event for the community, but donations to the Coffee County Arts Alliance are appreciated.

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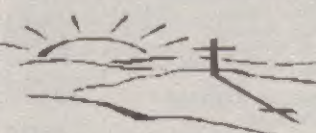
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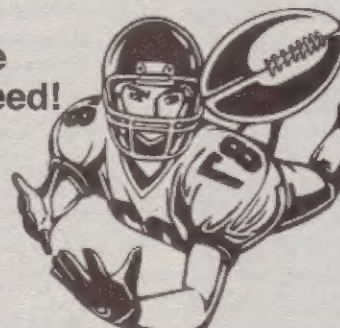
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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



CLUB YESEPOCH DONATES TO THE WIREGRASS AREA FOOD BANK...
Club Yeseepoch Inc. presented \$300 to the Wiregrass Area Food Bank on Thursday, Nov. 4. Pictured from left to right - Queen Amos, Club Vice President; Mary Merritt, Club Treasurer; David Hanks, Wiregrass Area Food Bank Executive Director; Janie Rogers, Club President; and Odessa Jones, Club Financial Secretary

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

New Hope Senior Center taking apps for new participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is looking for a "Few Good Men and Women" to become a part of the senior center family! The center is taking applications for new participants.

For more information, contact center director Conzuella Banks at (334) 735-5433. Call Today!!

Round and About With Eria's Daughter



Scripture: Promised Faithfulness to the Lord [Psalm 101: 1-8]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Myron K. Duncan, Mavis Ernestine Kelley, the late Calvin Tate Family, Pastor Stanley Woodfolk, Bradley Belcher Jr., Min. Robert Edwards, Estella Belcher Williams, Angie Dawson, New Glorious Church Family, Michael Rowe

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Asya Smedley 12/12
Ashley Smedley 12/12
Denzell Thomas 12/12
Danny Cole 12/12
Henry Terry 12/14
Alice Folmar 12/15 (in memory)
Shawanna Wright 12/17
Ruth Mack 12/17
Allison Cole 12/18
Leslie Starks 12/18
Thomas and Eula Brooks 12/19 W.A.
Cordell Hooks 12/20
Ben and Cynthia Rayborn 12/20 W.A.

Cannibalism

The practice of humans eating the flesh of other human beings is well documented. Chinese emperors ate human flesh as a delicacy. Christopher Columbus

reported on cannibalism in the Caribbean, at least partly so that he could conquer the islands by whatever means he desired.

Throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, some Europeans ingested human body parts for medicinal purposes. As recently as the 1960s, the fore people of Papua, New Guinea, traditionally ate parts of the bodies of recently deceased relatives.

Micah used images of cannibalism as a shocking illustration of the unjust practices in his day. He condemned Israel's leaders for treating people as sources of nourishment instead of as creatures made in God's image. Christians today must still beware of the tendency to use people to get what they need instead of valuing them simply as God's beloved creatures. How do you resist "cannibalizing" others? - J.E.

Q/A Section

For the Week of 11/18/21

Q: James defines self-deceit as hearing God's word but not _____ it.

A: Obeying [James 1:22]

Q: Wisdom loves those who _____ her.

A: Love [Proverbs 8:17]

Q: If you lack wisdom and ask God for it, He will give it to you _____.

A: Generously [James 1:5]

Q: If you give instruction to a wise man, he will become _____.

A: Wiser [Proverbs 9:9]

For the Week of 11/25/21

Fill in the Blanks

Q: A prophet is not without honor, except in his own _____.

Q: The tongue is like _____ that can set someone's life ablaze.

Q: A tongue used to bless God should not also _____ the people He made.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor

Westside Baptist Church
1026 Caroline Street, Elba, Alabama

A woman was visiting some people who lived on a farm, and she noticed a pig limping in the backyard with a wooden leg. She asked the farmer, "What happened to the pig?" The farmer said, "Oh, Betsy is a wonderful pig. One night the house caught fire and she oinked so loud she woke us and we got the fire truck in to save the house."

The woman said, "That's really something!" The farmer continued, "That's not all, one day our youngest fell in the pond and Betsy oinked so loud that she got our attention and we were able to pull my daughter out of the pond in time."

The woman said, "That's really amazing! But I still don't understand why the pig has a wooden leg. The farmer said, "Well, when you have a pig that special, you don't want to eat him all at once!"

Gratitude didn't run very deep for the three-legged hero. How deep does our gratitude run for our Heavenly Father who provides everything we have?

During this season of Thanksgiving don't take the blessing of the Lord for granted but do what the Psalmist said in Psalm 100:4-5, *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.* NIV

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 5:00 pm
Zion Chapel Baptist Church

Speaker: Chris Tidwell, New Life Pastor
Music by New Life Worship Team

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rocky Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Richard Thurn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Catter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" & meal... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olav Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Glenwood, AL Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. 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Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Brills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Bennie Arnette DECEASED

CASE NO. PC2021-034

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donald Arnette, Personal Representative on the 26th day of October, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Judge of Probate
11/4/11-18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF MARK RAY MATTHEWS, deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-088

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Limited Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Amy Matthews on the 26th day of October 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 26th day of October 2021.Amy Matthews
Personal Representative
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF RODNEY R. HALL, deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-083

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Patsy Hall Johnson on the 26th day of October 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.Witness my hand this the 26th day of October 2021.Patsy Hall Johnson
Personal Representative
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAWSON JASPER FARRIS, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-21-091

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 4th day of November, 2021, to Jan Oglesby Wicker Co-Executrix and William Jason Farris Co-Executor of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, deceased, who departed this life on the 21st day of September, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jan Oglesby signature Jan Oglesby Wicker Co-Executrix of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, Deceased

/s/ William Jason Farris signature William Jason Farris Co-Executor of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, Deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEBORA JUANITA HATAWAY, DECEASED.

CLAY CRAIG, PETITIONER.

Case No. PC 2021-092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **Debora Juanita Hataway**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of November, 2021, by Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Clay Craig
Clay Craig
Personal Representative

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FINANCE/ACCOUNTING MANAGER • FINANCE**JOB SUMMARY** This position performs professional municipal accounting and auditing tasks in the operation of the City's municipal accounting system.**MAJOR DUTIES** • Carries out supervisory/managerial responsibility in accordance with policies, procedures and applicable laws, including: training staff; planning, assigning and directing work; establishing deadlines; evaluating performance; approving leave requests; and addressing complaints and resolving problems. • Manages functions related to accounting activities, including: coordinating reporting functions; training departmental staff city-wide in accounting methods and procedures; devising solutions to accounting problems. • Performs entries to close monthly records; verifying the trial balance and general ledger; making correcting journal entries; and verifying and/or reconciling financial information for various funds. • Prepares and/or reviews complex, routine and non-routine reports, resolutions and analysis utilizing a variety of software; receives, sorts, and summarizes material for the preparation of reports and resolutions; prepares work reports; relays and interprets administrative decisions, policies and instructions. • Processes entries to close financial records at fiscal year-end; assists the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in verifying encumbrances and determining appropriate action. • Verifies computer-generated ledger batches and updates batches to the general ledger. • Updates accounting reports; Reviews balances associated with loans, projects, etc. • Audits accounting processes throughout the City organization. • Assists staff from various departments by reviewing receipts, resolving balancing problems, and discussing related accounting functions. • Assists auditors in the completion of the annual audit; prepares analysis of transactions and accounts, as needed. • Assists in planning and implementing short-term or annual goals, objectives, and strategies for the department, projects or programs to ensure efficient organization and completion of work. • Ensures quality standards and compliance with regulations are maintained. • Assists in conducting training of staff from various departments with respect to the financial information system; contacts software provider to resolve system problems, as needed. • Assumes the duties of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in his/her absence, for a temporary period of time. • Performs related duties as assigned.**KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION** • Knowledge of the principles and practices of municipal accounting (including cost and fund accounting), auditing and financial management. • Knowledge of budget development and management principles and practices. • Knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). • Knowledge of relevant federal and state laws, city ordinances, and department policies and procedures. • Knowledge of computers and job-related software programs. • Knowledge of internal departmental policies and procedures. • Knowledge of standard business arithmetic, including percentages and decimals. • Skill in management and supervision. • Skill in problem solving. • Skill in prioritizing and planning. • Skill in interpersonal relations. • Skill in oral and written communication. • Skill in preparing complex and accurate financial reports.**SUPERVISORY CONTROLS** The work is performed under the general supervision of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; however, the employee is expected to perform independently, exhibiting judgment and expertise in decisions made concerning the day-to-day operations.**GUIDELINES** Guidelines include GAAP, Governmental Accounting Standards Board guidelines, internal control procedures, budgeting best practices, relevant state and federal laws, auditing principles, and city and department policies and procedures. These guidelines require judgment, selection, and interpretation in application.**COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK** • The work consists of varied management, accounting, and supervisory duties. Strict regulations and the need for accuracy contribute to the complexity of the position.

• The purpose of this position is to assist in managing the city's financial and accounting functions. Successful performance ensures the efficiency and effectiveness of those functions.

CONTACTS • Contacts are typically with a variety of high-level individuals, both internally and within the community, to provide information, disseminate departmental information and assist in resolving administrative issues.**PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT** • The work is typically performed in a normal office environment while sitting at a desk or table. • While performing the essential functions of the job, the incumbent is regularly required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects; reach with hands and arms; speak and hear; and occasionally push, pull and/or lift up to 10 pounds.**SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY** This position has direct supervision over assigned department personnel.**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS** • Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or related field. • A minimum of five (5) years of continuous, recent professional accounting and/or finance experience. Municipal accounting experience preferred.

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REDISTRICTING PLANThe Coffee County Commission will consider proposed changes to its district boundaries. Formal consideration of the proposed plan will be at its regular meeting in the Community Room at the Coffee County Complex, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, on Monday, November 22, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with public comment allowed prior to any deliberation and vote of the plan. Maps of the proposed district boundaries will be available for public review at the County website at www.coffeecounty.us and the Coffee County Commission Office, located at 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351. Interested citizens are encouraged to offer their comments regarding the proposed plan. The County Commission will accept written comments regarding the proposed plan. Letters should be addressed to the Coffee County Commission, 2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. RE: Redistricting and include the author's full name and place of residence. Letters will be read into public record upon consideration. 11/11&11/18-chg.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson enjoyed an afternoon at the Peanut Festival Saturday and took along one his cousins to join him on the rides since his Mom and his Nanny both told him they didn't share his excitement. The trip was all about Lawson anyway. So, I'm sure everyone that made the trip had an enjoyable day.

For what it is worth....

***** For the second time in the past four years** the Elba Tigers were eliminated from the state football playoff with a shutout loss on the road. Four years ago it was a 28-0 loss at Linden, while the latest came Friday night when the high-scoring Tigers were stunned in a 32-0 loss at Highland Home. The loss at Highland Home was one that shocked all Tiger fans since the team entered the game riding a nine-game winning streak and had scored almost fifty points a game over in its last five wins. The Elba offense was never able to get anything going on the ground against an aggressive Highland Home defense and really threatened to score only once, while over on defense the Tigers were once again vulnerable in the air and had a hard time stopping the shifty Squadron quarterback. It was simply a whipping from start to finish, and one no one saw coming!

***** Kinston knew it was more than just a little** over its head in a second round clash with Sweet Water and came out on the short end of a 54-7 final score, but never quit fighting and made the large Bulldogs crowd that made the trip proud of their effort. While the final score was an accurate indication of the difference in the two 1A teams, Kinston took a giant step forward to secure the future of the football program this season and set a solid foundation as three of their four losses were to undefeated and top-ranked Brantley, undefeated and second-ranked Sweet Water and 3A playoff participant Houston Academy. The loss was disappointing for the 'Dogs and all their fans, but one day soon the players will realize just what they accomplished this year and hold their heads proud.

***** Brantley has been a high scoring team** all season, but Friday night gave new meaning to the term 'big play offense' as the Bulldogs had scoring plays of 30, 71, 70, 71, 88, 80 and 73 yards in a 48-15 playoff win over Millry. The Bulldogs rushed for over 500 yards in the win after managing only 112 yards in total offense the week before and once again let everyone in the 1A ranks know they are ranked #1 for a reason and have their sights set on another state title. The folks from Millry will definitely agree with their plans.

***** The second round of the state high school** football playoffs is now in the books and it was another interesting week of action all across the state. Taking a look back.... (7A) Enterprise was no match for Auburn as the Wildcats saw their season end with a 56-21 defeat. In two losses to Auburn this season the 'Cats have allowed a whopping 98 points. Central, of Phenix City, made it clear it had its eyes on a state crown with a 77-41 whipping of Theodore. The Red Devils are supposed to have one of the state's top defenses, but the 77 points also made it clear they know how to score points. (6A) Opelika posted an impressive 28-14 win over Spanish Fort to keep its title hopes alive and well, while most eyes in the state were on Clay-Chalkville's 56-21 romp past Briarwood. (5A) Andalusia continued on a playoff roll with a big 48-26 win over Demopolis, while UMS-Wright sneaked past Greenville 14-12 and Pike Road struggled a bit in a 29-17 win over St. Paul's. (4A) Vigor survived its 300-mile trip to Cherokee County and posted a 34-0 win, while defending state champion Handley was impressive with a 28-14 win over Bibb County. (3A) Opp saw its season draw to a close with a 35-14 road loss to T.R. Miller and Slocumb blew a big second half lead in a 39-27 loss to Hillcrest Evergreen. (2A) Arton saw its season end with a tough 27-20 road loss to Clarke County, while Luverne was no match for top-ranked Lanett in a 33-0 road loss. (1A) Maplesville struggled in a 22-15 win over Linden, while

Keith continued its banner season with a 19-2 win over one-beaten Notasulga.

***** Over to the college sports world** for just a moment.... The month of November can be an active month both on and off the field and court for college sports programs as football teams fight for the playoffs and bowl berths, basketball teams tip off their seasons, and coaches in all sports try and keep their jobs in the highly competitive profession. It is also an active month for collegiate presidents and athletic directors, as a report last week by ESPN reported that from Jan. 1, 2010 to Jan. 31, 2021, colleges in the FBS conference's paid out more than \$533.6 million in 'dead money' to head and assistant coaches in both sports that were terminated, but were still owed money to fulfill contracts. This already staggering amount doesn't even include the tens of millions in severance pay handed out since the end of the decade in the report, including head coaches at Georgia Southern, LSU, TCU, Texas Tech, Akron, UConn and Southern Cal, as well as many assistant coaches across the nation. Ed Orgeron, still the lame duck head coach at LSU, is due \$16.9 million to be paid in 18 payments through December, 2025. Auburn, which bought out the contract of Gus Malzahn in 2020, for \$21 million, leads the expensive list with \$31.2 million in 'dead money,' followed by Nebraska (\$25.8 million), Texas (\$21.5 million), Ole Miss (\$20.4 million) and Kansas (\$20 million). Schools in the 'Power 5' conferences (SEC, BIG 12, BIG 10, ACC and PAC12) accounted for 88 percent of the 'dead money,' led by the SEC with a total of \$151 million. Keeping all the fans and big donor alumni happy, while trying to stay

competitive in the big money world of college sports can be an expensive thing to do!

***** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by over the weekend and was still shaking his head about Elba's 32-0 loss to Highland Home. The fearless forecaster said it looked like the Tigers may have been too overconfident going into the game and ran head first into a team that wanted to win instead of one that just expected to win. Anyway, the local guesspert hit on 11 of his 14 picks last season and vowed to keep on picking as long as the teams keep on playing. Here are this week's picks....

BRANTLEY VS. KEITH

The bulldogs will have to leave the pound this week for a long trip over to the western part of the state and will have to be on the lookout for bears as they near their destination. The bulldogs are known for stalking their prey and bringing home big wins while on the hunt, and this week will be no different.

BRANTLEY 28 KEITH 7

OTHER PICKS:

Central PC 31 Auburn 17
Thompson 24 Hoover 17
Hueytown 38 Opelika 31
Pike Road 29 Faith 24
UMS-Wright 17 Andalusia 15
Catholic 42 Hillcrest Evergreen 12
Lanett 27 Highland Home 7
Sweet Water 35 Maplesville 7

Tigers and Lady Tigers sweep Zion Chapel

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers hosted Zion Chapel last Tuesday afternoon and made it a clean sweep over their guests as the Tigers posted a 32-18 win and the Lady Tigers rolled to a lopsided 25-3 victory.

The Tigers led only 8-6 after one quarter, but outscored the Rebels 9-0 in the second quarter to open up a 20-6 halftime advantage and never looked back as they rolled to the win. Jay Wilson scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cassidy Carpenter 6, Jaden Baker 6, Johnathan Edwards 4,

and Easton McKelvey 2. M. Allen scored 8 points to lead the Rebels.

The Lady Tigers carried a 14-0 lead in at the half and were never threatened in a big 25-3 win over the Lady Rebels. Elba outscored Zion Chapel 9-1 in the third quarter to push its lead to 23-1 as the Lady Tigers claimed their second straight win. Ny'Asia McCollough scored 10 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Makayla Moore 9, Casey Williams 2, Brittany Williams 2 and Jadya Caldwell 2. P. Davis scored 2 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

Elba splits with 'Brockton

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers traveled to New Brockton last Monday night in middle school basketball action and split the twin-bill as the Tigers dropped a 41-29 decision and the Lady Tigers posted a 25-20 win.

Elba saw an early 7-0 lead vanish in a 41-29 loss, in boys' action. The Tigers carried a 13-9 lead into the second quarter, but were outscored 9-1 in the stanza to fall behind 18-14 at the half and never recovered. Jay Wilson scored 12 points to lead the Tigers, while Cassidy Carpenter added 6, Johnathan Edwards added 4, Jaden Baker and Easton McKelvey both added 3,

and Matthew McCart scored 2. Anthony Silar scored 22 points and Caden Wallace added 7 to lead the Gamecocks.

Elba pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 25-20 win, in girls' action. The Lady Tigers opened up a 12-5 halftime advantage and carried a 16-7 lead into the fourth quarter, but had to turn back a furious fourth quarter rally by the Lady Gamecocks to claim the win. Ny'Asia McCollough scored 11 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Brittany Williams added 6 and Makayla Moore scored 5. Gabby Eubanks scored 15 points to lead New Brockton.



Elba Tiger Jay Wilson (5) drives in for an easy basket in last week's homecourt win ver Zion Chapel.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Lady Tiger Taylor Day (21) applies pressure to a Zion Chapel ball handler in last week's big win.

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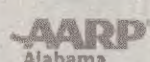
The Elba Clipper will have holiday deadlines in place for next week's edition of the paper [Thursday, Nov. 25]. All advertising and news will be due before Noon on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021. The office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving!

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger sophomore quarterback Brayden Johnson (12) heads upfield. Johnson rushed for 34 yards and passed for 128 yards in last week's 32-0 playoff loss to Highland Home.



Elba Tiger Whit Shehee (68) looks to make a block after a snap in last week's playoff loss to Highland Home.



Elba Marching Tiger Aimee Senn performs at halftime with the danceline.

In playoff action

Tigers squashed by Squadron 32-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The third-ranked Elba Tigers saw their playoff ride hit a dead end Friday night in a stunning 32-0 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in second round action at Highland Home.

The loss snapped Elba's nine-game winning streak and left the Tigers with a 10-2 record, while Highland Home upped its late-season winning streak to five games and pushed the Squadron's record to 7-5.

Highland Home, sparked by the play of southpaw quarterback Nick Diaz, scored on all four of its first half possessions to carry a 26-0 lead in at the half.

The first Flying Squadron score came a 97-yard drive in which Diaz passed for 46 yards and rushed for 49 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown run up the middle to cap the long scoring march. Austin Norman kicked the extra-point as Highland Home moved on top 7-0 with 5:05 left in the first quarter.

Highland Home regained possession on the ensuing kickoff when Elba mishandled a squib kick at the Tigers 31-yardline, and this time needed six plays to reach the endzone. Diaz rushed for 18 yards on two carries and scored his second touchdown of the quarter on a 3-yard scamper, and after Norman added the extra-point the Squadron was on top 14-0 with 1:18 remaining in the quarter.

The Flying Squadron began its next offensive series at its own 30-yardline after a defensive stand and promptly went 70 yards in seven plays to add to its lead. Diaz connected on two passes for 57 yards to highlight the scoring drive, with the score coming on a 34-yard touchdown toss to Keldric Faulk. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:44 left in the half Highland Home was in command with a 20-0 lead.

Highland Home got the ball back at its own 43-yardline late in the half after an Elba punt and continued its dominance as the Squadron went 57 yards in just three plays to extend its lead. Diaz hit on two passes for 44 yards to lead the Squadron down the field, and scored his third rushing touchdown of the night on a 2-yard run. A fumble foiled the extra-point attempt, but with 1:17 left on the clock Highland Home had opened up a surprising 26-0 lead.

Elba got its first defensive stop of the game on a pass interception by the Tigers Trent Hamilton early in the third quarter, and the Elba offense showed signs of life it marched to a first down at the Highland Home 20-yardline. Sophomore quarterback Brayden Johnson passed for 47 yards and rushed for eight yards to spark the drive. However, on a third down play an Elba running back was stripped of the football, and the Flying Squadron's Cooper Peters returned the fumble 64 yards to the Elba 26-yardline.

Highland Home lined up for a short field-goal attempt after the Tigers defense stiffened at the six-yardline, but a penalty moved the ball to the three, and on fourth down Keldric Faulk took



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) looks for running room outside in last week's 32-0 playoff loss to Highland Home. Caldwell gained 22 yards on the first play of the game for his longest run of the game.

a direct snap and walled into the endzone for a touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked. However, with 1:08 left in the third quarter Highland Home was in complete command as it owned a 32-0 lead.

Elba reached the Highland Home 28-yardline on its ensuing possession before being stopped and turned the ball over on downs near midfield on its next series. Elba began its final offensive possession at its own 21-yardline after a pass interception by JT Coleman and quickly crossed midfield behind the passing of Johnson. The drive bogged down after reaching the Highland Home 43-yardline; however, and while the Tigers got as close as the 30-yardline, it was on the final play of the game as the Tigers were eliminated from the playoffs with the 32-0 loss.

Brayden Johnson rushed for 34 yards on 10 carries and completed 12 of 24 passes for 128 yards to lead the Elba offense, with Peyton McCart pulling in seven passes for 80 yards. Peyton McCart had 7 tackles and blocked an extra-point attempt to lead the Tigers on defense, while JT Coleman and Trent Hamilton both added 3 stops and had a pass interception.

Nick Diaz rushed for 93 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries and completed 10 of 16 passes for 175 yards and one td to pace Highland Home, while Keldric Faulk pulled in two passes for 59 yards and scored on a 3-yard run, and Kendarious Shepard caught three passes for 69 yards.

The yardstick....

E	HH
11	1st Downs 17
25-57	Rush-Yds. 29-108
128	Passing Yds. 175
185	Total Offense 283
12-24-0	Passes 10-16-2
2/2	Fumbles/Lost 1/0
2-36	Punts-Ave. 1-39
6-54	Pen.-Yds. 4-34



Elba Tiger Peyton McCart (1) closes in to make a stop on a Highland Home runner. McCart led the Elba defense with seven tackles in the playoff loss.

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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (17) looks over the defense prior to a snap in recent playoff action. Sumblin rushed for 23 yards and passed for 11 yards in last week's loss to Sweet Water.



Kinston Bulldog head coach Rudy Free talks with his team during a time-out in recent playoff action.

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Kinston ousted 54-7

Nothing sweet in second round

Statistics by Dicky Adcock
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The Kinston Bulldogs saw the clock strike midnight on their storybook season Friday night with a 54-7 road loss to the second-ranked Sweet Water Bulldogs, in second round playoff action on a cool night in Sweet Water.

Sweet Water, which upped its record to 12-0 with the playoff win, opened the game with a bang when Lashon Young returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown to put the hometown 'Dogs on top 6-0 with only 13-seconds gone off the clock.

The score was just the first of four first quarter touchdowns for Sweet Water as the 'Dogs added a score on a 3-yard run by Jaland Lewis-Horton, an 11-yard run by Luke Davis and a 40-yard interception return by Jalen Lucy. Lewis-Horton added a two-point run and Michael Alan Cole booted two extra-points as Sweet Water led 28-0 after one quarter of action.

Sweet Water scored on its initial possession of the second quarter on a 6-yard run by Trace Luker and Cole again added the extra-point to push the 'Dogs lead to 35-0. However, Kinston came to life on its ensuing possession and brought its fans to their feet when Jeb Crosby broke loose and scampered 69 yards for a touchdown. John Free kicked the extra-point as the Bulldogs cut the deficit to 41-7 with 4:33 remaining

in the stanza.

Sweet Water regained command on its ensuing possession when Lashon Young scored on a 13-yard run to up its lead to 41-7, and then upped its lead to 48-7 with only 30-seconds left in the half when Michael Alan Cole scooped up a Bulldog bobble and rammed 13 yards for a score, and Walker Thompson added the extra-point.

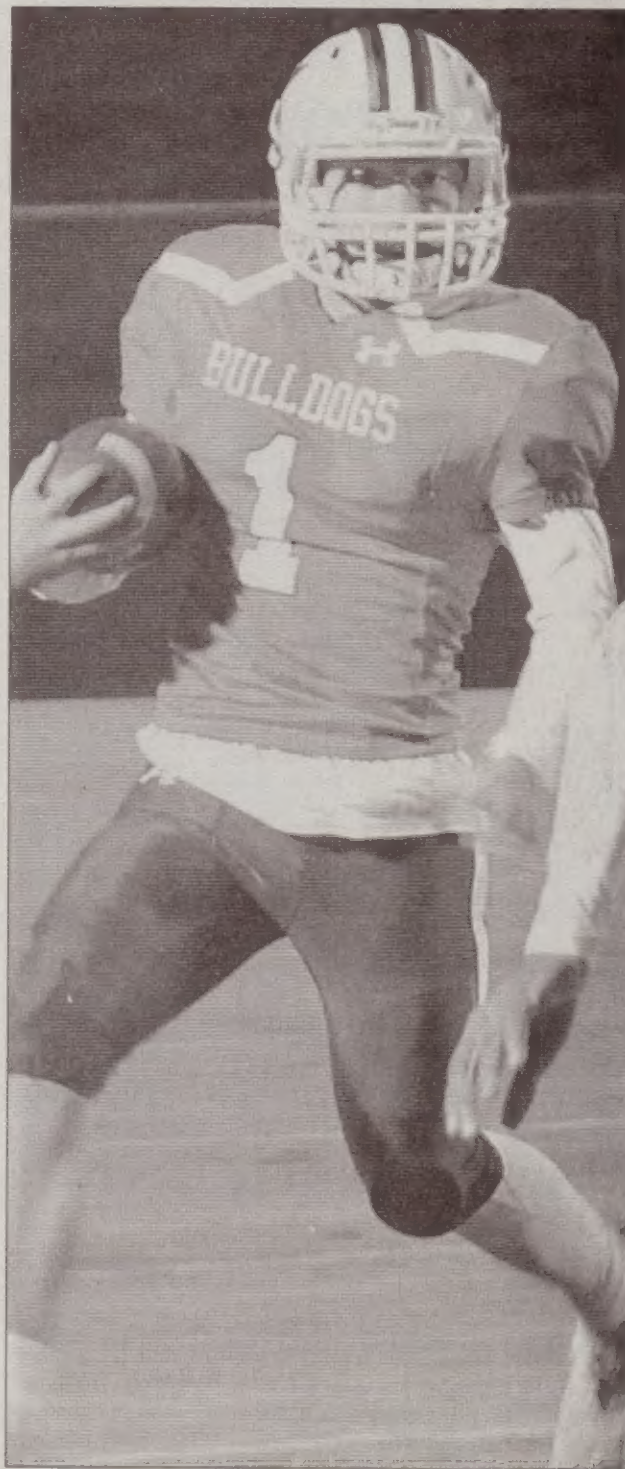
Kinston turned back a Sweet Water scoring threat early in the third quarter after the 'Dogs drove to a first down at the Kinston 15-yardline. However, Sweet Water did add the final points of the night with 3:19 left in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Deion Blanks and the extra-point by Tyler Ward to log the final at 54-7.

Jeb Crosby rushed for 104 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries to lead Kinston, while Cale Sumblin added 23 yards on the ground on nine carries and completed 3 of 5 passes for 11 yards.

Christian Dunning rushed for 80 yards on 10 carries to lead a stable of 11 running backs that had carries for Sweet Water, with five different backs scoring touchdowns.

The yardstick....

K	SW
6	1st Downs 18
33-174	Rush-Yds. 40-284
11	Passing Yds. 5
185	Total Offense 289
3-56-1	Passes 1-4-0
3/2	Fumbles/Lost 1/0



Kinston Bulldog Jeb Crosby (1) looks for running room. Crosby rushed for 104 yards and scored on a 69-yard touchdown dash in last week's playoff loss to Sweet Water.

In state football playoffs

Fifty-two teams still alive in round three

Fifty-two teams advanced to round three as the AHSAA 56th annual State Football Playoffs concluded Round 2 of the 2021 championship series Friday night.

Round three, set for Nov. 19, will feature four quarterfinal games in Classes 1A through 6A and two semifinal games in Class 7A. All games will kick off at 7 p.m., and currently all but two of the 26 contests are currently set to be live-streamed over the NFHS Network.

The 26 teams advancing in the playoffs are gearing to return to Birmingham for the Super 7 State Championships Dec. 1-2-3, which will be held at Birmingham's new Protective Stadium as the AHSAA celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The second round of state playoffs featured eight shutouts among the 52 games and three games where more than 100 points were scored.

In Class 1A, Decatur Heritage (10-2) beat Ragland 76-60—combining for 136 points, which tied for third most points all time. In that game, senior quarterback **Brayden Kyle** set a new AHSAA record for touchdowns accounted for in a single game. He had 11 in the Eagles' win. He also had a two-point conversion. Kyle rushed for 348 yards and seven TDs, and passed for 261 yards and four TDs for 609 total yards, which ranks third all-time according to

the AHSAA Record Book.

Also in the second round, 33 No. 1 seeds advanced to round, Class 1A had seven No. 1 seeds advance and one No. 4 seed. Classes 3A and Class 4A had six No. 1 seeds move forward, Class 6A had five and Class 2A had 4. Class 5A had the fewest No. 1 seeds advance, just 3.

Ten No. 2 seeds, seven No. 3 seeds and two No. 4 seeds also advanced (Woodland in Class 1A and Gardendale (10-2) in Class 6A), Woodland (5-7), which started the season 1-5, qualified fourth in Region 5 and goes on the road for the third straight week in the quarterfinals to face Region 5, No. 1 seed Wadley (11-1), which beat the Bobcats 29-0 in the regular season. Gardendale (10-2), the No. 4 seed in Class 6A, Region 6, goes on the road for the third straight week to face Region 6 No. 1 seed Clay-Chalkville. The Cougars won the regular-season game 46-0.

Five defending state champions also advanced. In addition, Thompson (7A), Pinson Valley (6A), Handley (4A), Fyffe (3A) and Mars Hill Bible (2A) posted second-round wins. Defending 1A state champion Linden was beaten 22-15 by Maplesville, and Class 5A defending champ St. Paul's Episcopal fell to Pike Road 29-17.

Ten of 11 unbeaten teams in Round 2 posted wins. The teams still

unbeaten include: **Class 1A:** Brantley (11-0); Sweet Water (11-0); **Class 2A:** Spring Garden (12-0); **Class 3A:** Montgomery Catholic (12-0); Winfield (12-0); **Class 4A:** Brooks (12-0); **Class 5A:** Pike Road (11-0); **Class 6A:** Clay-Chalkville (12-0); **Class 7A:** Central-Phenix City (12-0); and Hoover (12-0).

Twenty-four of the 26 playoff games are currently set to be live-streamed in the third round by member schools over the NFHS Network. A total of approximately 35 radio/internet audio broadcasts are expected as well in round three. The third-round playoff pairings are listed.

CLASS 1A SOUTH
Brantley (11-0) at Keith (11-1), **Orrville**
Sweet Water (11-0) at Maplesville (11-1)
NORTH
Woodland (5-7) at Wadley (11-1)
Pickens County (10-2) at Decatur Heritage (10-2), at **West Morgan HS**

CLASS 2A SOUTH
Clarke County (10-2) at B.B. Comer (10-2), **Sylacauga**
Lanett (10-2) at Highland Home (7-5)
NORTH
Southeastern (8-4) at Cleveland (10-2)
Spring Garden (12-0) at Mars Hill Bible (9-3), **Killen**

CLASS 3A SOUTH
T.R. Miller (10-2) at Montgomery Academy (9-3)
Hillcrest-Evergreen (7-5) at Montgomery Catholic (12-0)
NORTH
Saks (11-1) at Fyffe (10-1)
Winfield (12-0) at Piedmont (10-2)

CLASS 4A SOUTH
American Christian (11-1) at Vigor (11-1), **Blount HS Stadium, Prichard**
Handley (9-2) at Jackson (10-2)
NORTH
Madison Academy (11-1) at Good Hope (9-3)
Oneonta (11-1) at Brooks (12-0), **Killen**

CLASS 5A SOUTH
UMS-Wright (11-1) at Andalusia (8-4)
Pike Road (11-0) at Faith Academy (7-4), **Mobile**
NORTH
Pleasant Grove (11-1) at Center Point (9-3)
Parker (11-1) at Fairview (11-1)

CLASS 6A SOUTH
Saraland (10-2) at Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (10-2)
Opelika (9-3) at Hueytown (11-1)
NORTH
Mountain Brook (11-1) at Pinson Valley (9-3)
Gardendale (10-2) at Clay-Chalkville (12-0)

CLASS 7A SEMIFINALS SOUTH
Auburn (10-2) at Central-Phenix City (12-0)
NORTH
Thompson (11-1) AT Hoover (12-0), **Hoover Met**

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) is off and running. Pittman rushed for 145 yards and two touchdowns on four carries in last week's 48-15 playoff win over Millry.



Brantley Bulldog 'Emerald Wave' Marching Band performs during halftime festivities.

In 48-15 playoff win

Big plays spark Bulldogs win

Statistics by Greg Brunson

Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs rolled up over 600 yards in total offense, including 483 yards on seven scoring plays, in a wild 48-15 win over the Millry Wildcats, Friday night in second round playoff action at David Lowery Stadium.

Brantley began its initial offensive series at its own 30-yardline after a Wildcat punt and needed seven plays to cover the 70 yards to the endzone to get on the scoreboard. Robert Shine rushed for 36 yards on two carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Kedrick Brown added 39 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 30-yard dash down the sidelines. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:51 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 6-0.

Millry recovered a fumbled punt at its own 34-yardline late in the quarter and drove 66 yards in six plays to pull even. Owen Hendry completed two passes for 30 yards to highlight the scoring drive, while the score came on a 7-yard run by Daylon Edmunds. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 3:35 left in the quarter the score was tied at 6-6.

The score didn't stay tied for long; however, as on Brantley's ensuing possession Robert Shine went off tackle and raced 71 yards untouched for a Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try was again unsuccessful, as Brantley went on top 12-6 with 3:17 remaining in the stanza.

Brantley began its next possession at its own 30-yardline following a defensive stand and once again needed only one play to find the endzone as on the first down play Robert Shine burst up the middle and raced 70 yards for a touchdown. Kedrick Brown ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs lead grew to 20-6 with 40-seconds left in the first quarter.

Millry added to its point total on its ensuing possession on a 29-yard field goal by Zach Jenkins as the Wildcats closed to within 20-9 with 6:30 left in the second quarter. However, the Bulldogs weren't about to let the 'Cats get any closer as on Brantley's next possession Daquan Pittman went up the middle and rammed 71 yards for a score. Shine added the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs lead went to 28-9 with 5:13 remaining in the half.

Brantley fumbled on its initial possession of the third quarter, but got the ball back at its own 12-yardline on a defensive stand, and again needed only one play to find its way to the endzone as Kedrick Brown reached the sidelines after taking a handoff and raced 88 yards for a touchdown. Jayden Parks kicked the extra-point, and with 7:52 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 35-9.

Brantley lost another fumble on its next possession after reaching a first and goal at the Millry 9-yardline and watched as the Wildcats drove the length of the field to reach a first down and goal at the four-yardline. However, the Brantley defense stiffened and regained possession back at the 20-yardline.

The Bulldogs needed more than one play to add to its lead following the defensive stand, but not many more, as on third down Tucker Kilcrease spotted Robert Shine all alone near the sidelines, hit the speedy back with a pass and then watched as Shine set sails on an 80-yard reception. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 8:43 left in the fourth quarter the Bulldogs were in charge with a 41-9 lead.

Brantley got the ball back at its own 33-yardline following a pass interception by Khaliq Smith, and again struck quickly as on second down Daquan Pittman took



Brantley Bulldog Robert Shine (7) eyes running room. Shine rushed for 225 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 48-15 playoff win over Millry.

off and raced 73 yards for a score. Parks tacked on the extra-point, as the Bulldogs lead grew to 48-9 with 7:13 remaining on the clock.

Millry scored on a 2-yard run by Jaylen Manuel with 4:13 left on the clock, but all it did was change the final score as the Bulldogs claimed the big 48-15 playoff win.

Robert Shine paced the Brantley offense as he rushed for 225 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries and pulled in one pass for 80 yards and a touchdown, while Kedrick Brown rushed for 154 yards and two scores on eight carries, and Daquan Pittman added 145 rushing yards and two touchdowns on four carries and also pulled in three passes for 33 yards. Millry was led by Owen Hendry with 98 yards rushing on 20 carries and 10 pass completions in 15 attempts for 95 yards, while Daylon Edwards added 82 yards on the ground on 17 carries.

The yardstick....

B		M
13	1 st Downs	19
24-516	Rushes-Yds.	54-229
113	Passing Yds.	119
629	Total Offense	348
4-13-0	Passes	12-21-2
41	Return Yds.	83
3	Fumbles Lost	1
12-113	Penalties-Yds.	6-49
1-46	Punts-Ave.	3-33

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Brantley's Driggers roaring as a Lion at UNA

Article and Photo submitted to The Elba Clipper

Parker Driggers was a three-sport star at Brantley High School. He earned all state as a football and basketball player, and scored over 1,000 points in his basketball career for the Bulldogs.

Driggers finished his senior year at Brantley winning a state championship in the 100 meter dash and shot put in Brantley's inaugural track and field season.

After graduating from Brantley in 2019, Driggers signed with the University of North Alabama. He played in four games his true freshman year, and redshirted. In his redshirt freshman year, 2020, the season was shortened due to COVID-19. In that season, Driggers played slot receiver and ran the wildcat for the Lions. He led the team in rushing and all purpose yards.

Due to COVID, the 2020 season did not count toward the eligibility of Division I fall athletes.

This football season, Driggers is still a true freshman. He was moved to running back and starts there for the Lions. He again leads the team in rushing, all purpose yards, TDs and kickoff return yards.

Driggers broke a UNA and Big South Conference record with a 99-yard rushing touchdown earlier in the season. This also ties the NCAA all time record.

After this season, Driggers still will have three years of eligibility left.



Brantley High grad Parker Driggers continues to shine on the football field at the University of North Alabama

Coffee County BOE to meet
Monday, Nov. 22, in called meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education will conduct a called meeting Monday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. This meeting will be at the board office, located on Reddoch Hill Rd., Elba, Ala.

Items on the preliminary agenda for the meeting include: public comment on proposed redistricting, redistricting proposal, and personnel.

The next regular meeting is Dec. 9th at 5:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Over 100 cars 'cruise in' to Elba for car show benefitting public library



Local car enthusiasts enjoyed a day on the square in downtown Elba recently as the Foggy Bottom Cruisers hosted the 2021 Foggy Bottom Cruise-In Car Show on Saturday, Nov. 6th.

This event, each year, benefits the Elba Public Library as proceeds are donated by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers to the library. This year, library director Jennifer Amlong announced the proceeds from the Foggy Bottom Cruise-In would be used to help digitize The Elba Clippers in the library's collection.

Over 100 cars came to Elba for this year's Foggy Bottom Cruise-In, and there were plenty of different types of vehicles for enthusiasts to enjoy.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLIS JEROME WISE, DECEASED

DOCKET NO. PC 2021-094

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to FAYOMIA A. WISE, Administrator, on

the 9th day of November, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Fayomia A. Wise
Fayomia A. Wise
Administrator

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate

11/18, 25 & 12/2-pd.

Proposed New District Plan Map for Coffee County Board of Education

The Coffee County Board of Education announces that its proposed new district plan map based on data from the 2020 Census is available for public review and comment at the Board's central office. A copy of the proposed new district plan map is also available on the Board's website at www.coffeecountyschools.org. The Board will allow public comment, will deliberate, and vote on the new district plan at a special called meeting on November 22, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. at the Board's central office located at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323. The Board will accept written comments prior to the November 22, 2021, meeting, with letters to be addressed to the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, AL 36323, RE: Redistricting and include the author's full name and residential address. 11/11&11/18-chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 411

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on December 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing. 11/18, 25, 12/2&9-chg.



The Coffee County Conservation District and the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee recently hosted three sessions of the Coffee County Forestry and Wildlife Field Days. The events were held between Oct. 19th and Oct. 21st. Fifth graders from Elba Elementary, Kinston Elementary, New Brockton Elementary, and Zion Chapel Elementary were invited to attend the program. A total of 260 students attended this year. All three events were held at National Security Recreation property in Elba. Exhibits included a live amphibian and reptile exhibit, Skins and Skulls, an Oh Deer! Activity, rescued animals from the Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, and general forest management practices. The event is a great hands-on forestry and wildlife learning experience for students. After the activities, everyone enjoyed sack lunches. This event was supported by a grant from the Wiregrass RC&D Council. Other organizations assisting with field days include the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Coffee County Cooperative Extension System, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, Alabama Forestry Association, and the Alabama Heritage Program. Above, fifth grade students from Kinston listen to one of the events presentations.



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Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Elba Masons selling tickets for fundraiser

The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 currently is selling tickets for a gun give-away fundraiser. There are four guns that will be given away in the drawing set for Monday, Dec. 6, after the Elba Christmas Parade.

The guns being given away include a Ruger MAX 9 Pro, a Smith & Wesson Shield Plus 9mm, a Tristar Raptor 12g, and a Savage Axis .308 Rifle with Scope. The drawing for these guns will be held on the downtown square in Elba immediately following the Christmas Parade. All winners must comply

with all applicable federal and state laws regarding the purchase, ownership, and possession of firearms. It is not necessary to be present at the drawing to win.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any member of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170. Funds raised are used to support the Lodge's scholarship program and local youth sports.

For more information, contact Wendell Black at (334) 372-0996 or Harry Young at (334) 301-9590.